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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE:Application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a Facility Permit for the Crocker Wind Farm EL 17-055

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

At the Public Input Hearing held in Clark, South Dakota on February 5, 2018 regarding the Crocker Wind Farm (Project), Commissioner Nelson requested additional information on the height and marking of the Project's permanent meteorological (MET) towers. Regarding the height of the permanent MET towers, the wind speed, wind direction, and temperature measurements must be collected at hub height in order to support the performance guarantees in our turbine contract. The requirements are more fully elaborated by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standard 61400-12-1, power performance measurements of electricity producing wind turbines, which is available at:

https://collections.iec.ch/std/series/iec61400121%7Bed2.0%7Den.nsf/doc.xsp?open&documentId=1C05EC 4108567D06C12580DE00607C4E.

The towers will be marked consistent with SDCL 50-9-13 and the Federal Aviation Administration's requirements, including alternating orange and white paint, obstruction lighting, or both. At this time, we expect the towers will be free standing and not require guy wires.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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